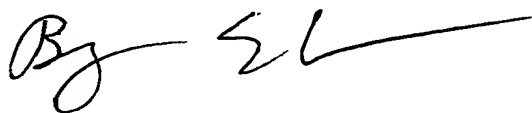


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In view of the amendments presented above, and for the reasons stated in the supplemental response submitted on October 2, 2001, withdrawal of the remaining rejections and expedited passage of the application to issue is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX B
(Marked-Up Copy Of Amended Claim)

1. (Four Times Amended) A method for producing an embossing plate having a surface with at least one depression in the form of ¹[at least one continuous] a line brought into the surface of the embossing plate, characterized in that the [at least one] line defines [an outline and] a limited partial area of the surface, an edge of the partial area defining a [desired] contour, [and] wherein the method comprises the step of determining a tool track located within the [desired] contour [being determined] from ²the desired contour and from a predetermined desired depth [determining a penetration depth of an engraving tool] of the depression, the engraving tool being controlled along said track such that a material of said partial area is removed within the [desired] contour at the predetermined desired depth, said track being continuous along the contour of the area.